



"Helping children develop a love of life and learning"



"Love, life and learning"

Proposal to open a nursery at one of our sites, either Wood Street Infant School or Worplesdon Primary School

The governing body of the Federation of Wood Street Infant School and Worplesdon Primary School have decided to consult with parents, carers, staff, and the community on a proposal to open a nursery at either Wood Street Infant School or Worplesdon Primary School. This is your opportunity to let us know what you think about this proposal.

We are holding the following consultation drop-in sessions for parents/carers and other interested parties to have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have and to speak to governors and staff about the proposed nursery.

Consultation Drop-Ins	
At Wood Street Infant School 8 th March between 6pm and 6:45pm face to face and virtual	At Worplesdon Primary School 9 th March between 6pm and 6:45pm face to face and virtual

You are welcome to attend either of the above sessions either in person or online. Please contact the school office at either school to register your interest.

The Federation of Wood Street Infant School & Worplesdon Primary School recognises that beginning early years education at a younger age has a high positive impact on learning outcomes. Staff at the federation of schools already work collaboratively with local early years providers to ensure a smooth and nurturing transition for the children joining our Reception year. The federation would like the opportunity to have educated these children directly from the start of their early education entitlement.

From research already carried out we believe that our nursery would be well received and compliment current nursery offerings, but we understand the importance of consulting with the whole community to ensure we are providing what is needed and wanted. We propose to offer provision to:

- children who are funded for 15 hours under the universal free entitlement
- children who are eligible for 30 hours free childcare

children who are funded for 15 hours and whose parents wish to fund additional hours as a result of the above, we propose to open a term time nursery (38 weeks minimum) which offers extended day provision for 2, 3 & 4 year olds including wrap around provision for those requiring it.

The consultation will run for 6 school weeks, commencing on 3.2.2023 and ending on 24.3.2023

Vision for our nursery

At the Federated schools our ethos is to ensure we nurture a love of life, love of learning and mutual respect, this would be our vision for our nursery also. We aim to provide a stimulating environment where everyone is curious, happy, valued and every voice is heard. We believe a child is shaped by their interactions and their environment. We want children to leave our nursery ready and excited about starting their reception year at either Wood Street Infant School or Worplesdon Primary School.

What are the benefits for our children?

- Nursery provision led by a qualified teacher leading to the best possible outcomes for our youngest children
- Smooth transition and continuity of education from nursery to reception
- To benefit from the opportunities, resources and expertise gleaned from a large federation of schools
- Enhanced learning provision through joint educational visits, visitors, workshops, and resources as appropriate.

How will a nursery benefit our staff?

- By providing a challenging and rewarding environment in which to grow professionally, giving opportunities that might not otherwise exist.
- Staff will be able to share knowledge and expertise over a wider colleague base and share best practice across Early Years, Key Stage 1 & 2, broadening skills and dialogue across the range of curriculum areas.

What are the benefits to parents and the local community?

- A nursery will secure the schools as vibrant and innovative centres of learning within their local communities, helping to protect the future of both schools in the local area.
- It will provide increased opportunities for an outstanding quality of education for every child.

The next step.

This document is the start of a six-week consultation period on the proposal to open a nursery at either Wood Street Infant School or Worplesdon Primary School which will close on 24.3.2023. The consultation process involves the governing body who must consult with:

- Surrey County Council as the LEA
- Staff paid to work at the schools
- Parents/carers of registered pupils at the schools
- Any other persons the governing bodies consider appropriate

If you wish to ask any questions or raise any concerns or voice your support regarding the proposal to introduce a nursery under the federation of Wood Street Infant School and Worplesdon Primary School these should be handed in writing to the reception desk at either school or sent by email to our co-chair of governors Kellie Glossop (k.glossop@woodstreet.surrey.sch.uk).

The closing date for the return of the response forms is 24.3.2023. Responses will be analysed, and the schools will publish the outcomes on their websites.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why do we want to have a nursery at either Wood Street Infant School or Worplesdon Primary School?

- It will enable us to provide the best possible outcomes for our youngest children before they start in our reception classes. It will aid a smooth transition and continuity of education from nursery to reception (in either Wood Street Infant School or Worplesdon Primary School).
- Staff will be able to share knowledge and expertise over a wider colleague base and share best practice across Early Years, Key Stage 1 & 2, broadening skills and dialogue across the range of curriculum areas.
- A nursery will secure the schools as vibrant and innovative centres of learning within their local communities, helping to protect the future of both schools in the local area.

How many pupils will be there?

30 children at any one time.

What age children will we admit?

Children from two to four years.

What style of teaching will we use?

We will ensure all children are given time and space for active exploration and child-initiated activities both indoors and outdoors. Adult interaction is crucial in ensuring that we observe and listen to the children, aid their enjoyment and curiosity and develop their learning. We will promote:

- Playing and exploring – Children investigate and experience things, and have a go.
- Active learning – children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements.
- Creating and thinking critically – children have and develop their own ideas, makes links between ideas, and develops strategies for doing things.

Would there be a negative impact on local schools and nurseries?

We are aware of the closure of local nursery provision and consultation will determine the demand for new nursery provision and additional places.

Would there be an impact on parking and traffic in the immediate area?

We anticipate that many of the children that would attend the nursery would be those with siblings already at Wood Street Infant School and/ or Worplesdon Primary School. However, if the consultation highlights traffic as an area of concern we will employ the specialist services of a traffic consultant to help us manage this issue.

Is there a preferred site for the nursery?

School leadership believe that Wood Street Infant School site would be the ideal setting for a nursery. With sufficient capital spend, the internal space can be remodelled to provide a nursery, three classrooms, a new library, a small soft play area and kitchen area, whilst maintaining the school hall.

Will a child that goes to the nursery automatically get a place at the Federation of Wood Street Infant School & Worplesdon Primary School?

This cannot be guaranteed as the nursery will have its own admissions criteria that are separate from the schools.

What will the start and finishing time be?

This will depend on the information we gather from our questionnaires and will be decided at a later date.